SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Sir, the quesiton is very clear. *(Interruptions)*. The hon. Member has just now put the question. Sir, 18,710 cases were there in 1995 and 15,927 cases were there in 1996.

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In 1997, the number of cases registered was 10,060. I would like to know as to in how many cases the conviction has been done. What type of monitoring is done by you?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Ceiling on Dwelling Units

*101. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO; Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: whether his Ministry is proposing to introduce a ceiling on the number of dwelling units or on the maximum extent of built up area a person can own in our uncleaned conglomeration?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

Blacklisting of Indian Companies

*102. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U. S. Administration has recently blacklisted 40 Indian Companies and their 200 subsidiaries barring them from doing business with American Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government intend taking any reciprocal action against the US move?

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other action is contemplated to safeguard Indian interests in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) USA announced certain restrictive economic measures under its Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1994 against India first on 13th May 1998 in the wake of the nuclear explosions by India. On 29th May 1998 the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) under US Department of Commerce announced certain interim guidelines imposing restrictions on US exports of dual use goods and technology which were earlier subject to export licencing, followed by a notification of specific measures on 18th June 1998. On 19th November 1998, the US notified in the Federal Regitser 40 Indian entities along with 200 subordinate entities, which will be covered by export restrictions. The list specifies the entities believed by USA to have been involved in the nuclear and missile related programmes and includes organisations in the field of atomic energy, space, defence, establishments involved in conventional military activities and a number of Indian public and private sector companies. US exporters would require licences to export to the listed entities and most licences would be denied, except for items intended to ensure the safety of civil aviation and safe operation of commercial passenger aircraft.

(c) to (e) The Government has been closely monitoring the measures announced against India and continuously assessing their likely impact. Though any precise quantification of the impact of the measures may be difficult, so far the impact has been minimal. The fundamentals of the Indian economy are strong enough to withstand any pressure arising from the sanctions